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THE SMALL FARM

An official of the Department of Agriculture recently stated that, in his opinion, there were too many farms in the United States. While the official may be right, we dislike accepting such a statement.

We like to believe that in this country there is always room for the free farmer who wants to till his land and make his life by working the soil. We hesitate to accept the conclusion that farming is only for the big operator, the mass-farmer, so to speak.

We think that America will be a stronger nation, and a greater one, as long as the individual and his family can farm a small area, living with the soil and keeping in touch with the earth in this fashion. We think that no occupation is nobler than that of farming.

We suspect the trouble with the farmer today and the farm situation in the United States is that the farmer does not get an adequate share of the income and profits from his products. We think the Agriculture Department would do well to concentrate its efforts in this direction, rather than in the negative field, by concluding that we have too many farms.

Actually, the one-family farm can operate relatively cheaply today—with a few mechanized vehicles—because much of the labor is performed by the family itself, in the tradition of the farm, and therefore labor costs are kept down to a minimum.

If the farmer were getting his fair share of the income and profits derived from farm products, there would always be room in this country for the one-family farm. We hope there always will be.

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SOUND ARGUMENT AND GOOD LEADERSHIP WIN

Sound argument ably presented under good leadership, make for a victory. That was the case in the highly publicized debate in the United States Senate over the so-called Civil Rights Bill. The Southerners did not have to "filibuster" to wear down the opposition. A cause for good government was won by the sheer logic of argument and the brilliant leadership of Senators like Johnson, Russell, Ervin, Byrd, etc. It was overwhelmingly evident that trial by jury is as second a right as any possessed by a citizen in a democracy. It is a sacred right won for the English-speaking world in the Magna Carta of the year 1215. Every attempt to weaken that right is potentially dangerous. The American people do not want to risk weaking trial by jury. This angle to the proposed bill was ably developed during the debate, with the result that the Senate voted against the Administration.

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FAITH

Wiser men than the editor have written over the years that men must have faith in the future and in some of the things which touch and surround his life. We would not attempt here to be specific and to offer cheap advice on just what people must have faith in.

However we would remind our readers that one must have faith in something. If life is to contain hope and one's efforts are to be enthustiastic, then it is necessary to have faith in God, one's fellowmen, the hereafter and the value of right and justice in this world.

The strange thing about faith is that it, itself, produces wonderful results. The person who exhibits faith, especially faith in others, many of whom do not enjoy such support, often produces surprising results.

Many a soul, abandoned by society, has responded to someone else's faith in him or her with admirable steadfastness. A balanced philosophy, we would say, would be one which included the general assumption that in most people there is more good than bad.

Following this philosophy and looking for the good, one will find plenty of good in his fellowman. Looking for trouble, he will find trouble. Therefore, it would seem best always to look for the best—the good in people—and in a surprising number of instances, unexpected good will be found.

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MARYLAND ENDS HANGINGS

The State of Maryland has officially ended hanging. The state still retains capital punishment but from now on its capital punishment will be carried out in a gass chamber and not on a gallows.

The last man to go to the gallows in Maryland was Kelley Briley, a 35-year-old Negro convicted of a fatal shooting in Baltimore. And, although the gas chamber became available to the State of Maryland on June 1st, the law specified that it be used only for persons whose murder trials began after that date.

Neither the gallows nor the electric chair are modern ways of carrying out the death penalty. The gas chamber allows condemned men and women to pass out of existence painlessly and causes less terror and fear than either the gallows or the electric chair.

The State of Maryland is following the modern trend in abolishing the gallows and adopting the gas chamber as its official mode of capital punishment. More and more states are likely to follow in the years immediately ahead, and rightly so.

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Disappointments are inevitable if you have ambition or hope.

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Courtesy is so cheap that many people take no interest in it.

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Not every lawsuit is worth the time involved in having the issue decided.

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A civilized individual has tolerance for all people, but he selects his own friends.

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Background Scripture: I Samuel 1; 2:11, 18-21.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 66: 1-2, 13-20.

Promise to God

Lesson for August 11, 1957

A SURE way to lose any one's respect is to fail to keep a promise. If a promise simply cannot be kept, as in case of illness or accident, no one will hold a fault against you. But a man will more quickly make excuses for himself than others will make for him. The brighter side is true too: no better way can be found to build up a solid reputation than to become known as a person who always keeps promises once made. No brilliance, no charm, makes up for keeping promises. What a letter of introduction this would make: "The bearer is is a young man of fine background. He graduated with honors. He has great charm of manner, his knowhow is enormous for his age. He has only one drawback: you can't depend on him."—!

Dr. Foreman

Promising God

Belief in God is feebler, even among good people, than it ought to be. One proof of this is the fact that many people, if not most of them, will be deeply ashamed of not keeping their promises to human beings; but will not take very seriously their failure to keep promises made to God. If a man owes a church pledge, and also some local store, he will pay the store bill first, and if he can only pay one, you know which gets the cash. If "ratting" on promises made to God is taken lightly, it only shows how lightly men believe in God.

If the Bible teaches anything it is that promises made to him mean for more than when made to ordinary people. The short name for such promises is "vows." Protestants make them as well as Roman Catholics. A promise seriously made, either to do something for God, or for his people because they are his people (especially the church); or a promise solemnly made in God's presence, calling on his name as a witness, is a vow. As the Bible teaches, nobody has to make a vow; but once made, the vow must be kept. Examples of vows are those made at baptism (by the parents, if a child is involved, or by the one baptized if he is old enough), at confirmation or "joining the church;" or when making a pledge of money to a church; or the vows taken by a bride and groom; as well as all sorts of private vows.

"... and Changeth Not"

"He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not," comes in for special praise, in the 15th Psalm. The story of Hannah tells of just such a person. She promised her first child to God. In her days and circumstances, this meant giving the child up and seldom seeing him again after the first few years. She had been bitter about her childlessness, and of course was overjoyed when little Samuel was born. Giving him up meant being childless all over again—but she kept her promise. She had five other children later, but she did not expect this when she presented her one son, her first-born, in the temple. It's easy to make promises, even easy to keep them when keeping them is pleasant. But your really devoted Christians, solid to the core, are those who keep their promises to God no matter what.

If Some One Knows

Human nature being what it is, even a promise to God is more likely to be kept if we know some one else knows about it. Hannah's vow was known to Eli the priest eventually, and we may guess that he suspected it from the start. No doubt this helped her to be faithful. So marriage vows are spoken not alone in God's presence but in the company of witnesses. So vows taken at joining the church, or confirmation, are taken in front of the whole congregation. This is why baptism, of a child or an adult, should never be private. If we were angels, a promise made to God in secret would be just as well kept as one made in public. But since we are human, and weak in faith, it helps if some ear besides God's hears our vows.

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Washington Notes

CONSTRUCTION

Expenditures for construction in June rose to a record level for the month of $4.4 billion, or $100 million more than in June, 1956. Home building gained 11 per cent over May, but was that much below June of 1956. Outlays for construction in the first half set a record of $21.5 billion, a gain of 3 per cent over the like period last year, according to the Commerce and Labor Departments.

BOND SALES DIP

In the first six months of 1957, the sale of "E" and "H" bonds totaled -2,211,000,000, a drop from the same period of 1956. The biggest drop-off was in "H" bonds, $352 million compared with $510 million last year. The January-June redemptions totaled $2,781,000,000 or 11 per cent more than the 1956 redemptions. The cash value of bonds now held by more than 40,000,000 persons is $41,498,000,000.

PROFITS

Government figures reveal that profits in 1957 are rising, indicating that this year will be the highest profits year in history. Figures supplied by President Eisenhower's council of economic advisors estimated corporation profits before taxes for the first quarter of 1957 at $46,500,000,000 annual rate compared with $43,700,000,000 for the same 1956 quarter.

BOSS' LIFE SPAN

The National Office of Vital Statistics figures indicate that top administrators, managers and technicians, as a group, now have lower than average mortality rates. An examination of 5,000 executives by Life Extension Examiners finds 60 per cent of them in good shape.

TWO-WAY TRADE

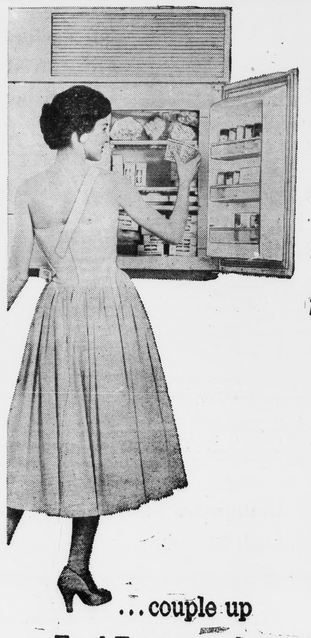
Americans send to the fourteen Latin American countries an estimated $1,500,000,000 a year for green coffee beans, but these fourteen Latin American countries buy an estimated $3,000,000,000 worth of products from the United States. Biggest items were heavy machinery for a total of $610,000,000, transportation equipment (motor vehicles, trains, ships, planes) for $157,000,000, and farm products for $400,000,000. These exports represent a manpower equivalent of 396,925 employees or farmers, and meant $1,713,900,000 in wages and earnings.

DISABLED CHECKS

Nearly 125,000 totally disabled persons are expected to get their first social security benefits early in this month. Many persons 50 years of age and older are expected to qualify for disability benefits and as many as 275,000 disabled persons may be qualified for the benefits during the first year's operation of the new program, autorized by Congress last year.

TAXPAYERS

Taxpayer John Q. Public is getting better at filling out income tax forms, according to the Internal Revenue Service. The Government saved $3,536,000 this year as a result. In 1955, almost 15,000,000 citizens required help with their forms, at a cost of almost $7,000,000. Twelve thousand agents spent 360,000 man-hours giving assistance. Only 11,000,000 asked for help last year, thereby cutting costs of assistance to $3,264,000.



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...heavy articles in the ...pack the trousers by ...front of the legs in a ...across the bottom of ...with the seat toward ...fold the legs over the ...the second pair in the ...put the legs in the ...direction.

...jacket on a hanger and ...over to the case. Leave ...unbuttoned. Straighten ...and arrange the sleeves ...hang in a straight line. ...wrinkles. Fasten the ...and let the bottom of ...hang over the edge. ...around jacket in the same ...

...summer rags over the ...from the right and ...the left. Finish the cover ...

...ing by putting in ...ties and underwear ...shirts. Fill empty ...handkerchief's, socks, ...small items.

...when young children on ...by you might get out some ...button box, and some ...or crayons, and let ...jewelry. They can color ...and then string it on ...making a bright color. ...between the pieces. ...for even the very young ...thread through the ...The older children ...to use small acorns. A ...small and buttonhole ...good to use for stringing ...

...can also be kept busy ...pieces of wood, a ham... some nails. An old orange crate can be broken apart and the boards used to make everything from bombers to doll chairs. Young children just like to pound nails into the wood, and the older ones like to make simple items.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Aug. 6.- Peggy Wooldridge and Ruth Clapp attended the Y. W. A. Camp last week at Piedmont, Charlottesville, Va.

Those visiting Mrs. O. C. Paulette recently were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lake, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Calhoun, of Columbus, Ohio. Visiting in this same home this week are Mr. D. W. Downey and children, of Baltimore.

Mrs. J. L. Griffith spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover. Mr. Glover is on the sick list, but is improving now.

Mrs. Earl Massie and daughter, Jane, of New York are visiting her mother, Mrs. Christine Childress and family.

Mrs. Nannie Ferguson, of Richmond is visiting Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and Mrs. Rachel McFadden.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette visited in the home of Mrs. O. C. Paulette last week.

A number from here attended the revival at Hollywood Baptist Church last week.

Mrs. Julian Glover, of Crewe, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Latene Jenkins, and family, of Richmond, spent the week end with Mr. R. P. Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey.

PLAN NUCLEAR PLANT

Charlotte.- The directors of Carolinas Virginia Nuclear Power Associates, Inc., announced today that they were preparing an application to the Atomic Energy Commission to build a type of nuclear power plant reactor which has not so far been constructed for commercial use.

Meeting at Duke Power Co.'s headquarters here, CVNPA's board conferred with representatives of General Nuclear Engineering Corp. of Dunedin, Fla.; Westinghouse Electric Corp and Stone and Webster Engineering Corp., of Boston all of whom will assist in the design and construction of the project.

N. A. Cocke, CVNPA presisdent, said that no site had been selected for the nuclear power plant and that discussion of the type of reactor is continuing toward the end of negotiating a development contract with the AEC.

CVNPA members are Virginia Electric and Power Co., Carolina Power & Light Co., Duke Power, South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.

SCALP SEWED ON

San Pablo, Cal.- Mrs. Lucretia Galbraith, 50, got her long hair caught in the shaft of a cabin cruiser when she went down to inspect bilges on a 30-foot cruiser. Her scalp torn from her head, Mrs. Galbraith was rushed to a hospital. Surgeons sent officers back to the harbor to cut free the scalp skin, tightly tangled by hair to the shaft. Rushed back to the hospital, it was stitched on to Mrs. Galbraith's head, with the possibility that it will heal successfully.

An inflatable rubber airplane has been developed for the Navy. The plane can be inflated by an air hose or vacuum cleaner. When deflated, the aircraft, includin engine, can be air dropped to ground forces.

EXTENSION NEWS

By G. L. JAMES Farm Agent

The crop situation in Virginia is very critical. In Appomattox we have problems caused by the drought. The following are some suggestions offered by the Agronomy, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Science departments of VPI Agricultural Extension Service.

Make silage of corn — for storage in upright, trench or other type silos. This will bring almost full value from your corn, whereas usage in other ways will be close to a complete loss. Small grains or rye grass with crimson clover may be used as seeding for grazing on this land.

Top-dress pastures with 30 to 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre in August. This should help on pastures with little or no legumes. Seed small grain and mixtures this month for late fall, winter and early spring grazing — give them a chance to grow. The hay situation is the only crop that may change for the best — rains may still come to help for winter feeding.

Now is the time to get rid of those animals that you have not had much faith in all along. You cannot afford to feed the culls and unprofitable animals such as old cows, poor milkers, off-colored ones, shy breeders, late calvers. Only your good quality cattle will be worth carrying over. Sell your feeder stuff early as possible. There is a good demand now for feeder cattle.

Save any of the grasses and legumes available as hay or silage — provided they are not needed now for grazing. Use honeysuckle for grazing, give free access to all acreage possible such as meadow and stubble fields, or any land on which a crop residue remains after harvest. There is no solution to fit every need, and feed purchases represent cash outpct—so plan according to what is on hand including the old pocketbook — then make your moves.

The 4-H delegates who will attend the Wild-life Camp at Virginia State College, August 6-7-8, are: Nugene Harvey, Bobby Hix, both of Spout Springs community. Also Otis Walker and Levi Payne, of Hixburg community.

The 4-H members raising pigs for the Junior Market and Show Sale are showing nicely to date. We plan to have eleven animals ready for the sale in October in Lynchburg. Fat calves are to be added this year to the Sales. Members with fat calf beef projects are Hershel Forbes and Herbert Williams.

Your Farm Agent attended the Summer School for Extension Agents at Cornell University during July. It was a very beneficial venture. We must go along with the fellow who said, "I though I had some experience — until I got some more."

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Parties in our home are one of our outstanding pleasures. Most of us love to give a successful party as much as we enjoy attending one.

Any good party is apt to be noisy. The buffet luncheon and even the family dinner usually creates quite a volume of sound.

The best idea is not to fill the room beyond its capacity. In the small, modern house this is not always possible. Carpeted floors; draped windows and acoustically treated ceilings will greatly reduce sound.

The nursery is best located away from the front entrance or back door. It should be well away from the rooms you use to entertain in. It will be worth it to you to soundproof one or two walls in the nursery and to install an intercom system connected with the master bedroom—the kitchen and the family room. These items are much simpler to install when you are building. But they can be installed later.

You can cut down the everyday living noises in your home by repairing all noisy appliances and equipment. Place rubber pads or other resilient material under vibrating equipment, oil doors and motors. Strap down vibrating pipes and secure loose heating ducts.

Appomattox is a growing town.

PUTS FINISHING TOUCHES

Wichita, Kan.- When his car wouldn't start, Clarence L. Lilles, 18, asked his mother-in-law to give him a push with her new car. As she pushed, the rear axle on Lile's car broke, a block farther on, the left wheel fell off and the car stopped with the front end on the railroad track. While Liles went to call a tow truck, a train came along and put the finishing touches on an already finished car.

Japan has liberalized her trade with China, adopting the same list as that established by Britain on May 30.

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